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GESTED ENTERTAINMENT

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1. ARRANGEMENTS WITH INTOURIST CANNOT BE FIRMED UNTIL
INTOURIST RECEIVES LIST OF DELEGATION WITH ROOM REQUIRE-
MENTS THROUGH ATA AS WELL AS EMBASSY. IN MEANTIME, WHILE
EMBASSY CAN SUGGEST SOCIAL PROGRAM, NO COMMITMENTS CAN BE
MADE. EARLY DECISIONS ON NUMBER OF TICKETS FOR EACH
PERFORMANCE ARE CRITICAL DUE TO LARGE SIZE OF DELEGATION
AS WELL AS EXTREMELY POPULAR NATURE OF ARTISTIC OFFERINGS
DURING CODEL STAY IN MOSCOW. EMBASSY OFFERS FOLLOWING
DINING AND SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

2. MONDAY, MARCH 27:

A. 1300 - LIGHT LUNCHEON ARRANGED AT HOTEL FOR DELEGATION
AND SOME EMBASSY OFFICERS (SEPARATE DINING ROOM).

B. 1900 - OLD CIRCUS; STEPAN RAZIN (NEW BALLET) AT STAN-
ISLAVSKIY THEATRE; BERYOZKA FOLK DANCE CO. AT PALACE OF
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CONGRESSES.

C. 2230 - SUPPER AT HOTEL.

3. TUESDAY, MARCH 28:

A. 1300 - LUNCHEON AT HOTEL

B. 1700-1830 - RECEPTION AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (SPASO HOUSE)

C. 1900 - THREE ONE-ACT BALLETS INCLUDING CARMEN SUITE AT BOLSHOI (VERY POPULAR); NEW CIRCUS; "DON JUAN" AT PUPPET THEATRE (EXCELLENT ADULT COMEDY).

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4. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29:

A. 1300 - LUNCH AT LOCAL RESTAURANT (FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT BE INVITED TO LUNCH AT SUPREME SOVIET)

B. 1900 - IKAR (NEW BALLETS, VERY WELL RECEIVED) AT PALACE OF CONGRESSES; NEW OR OLD CIRCUS; EVGENIY ONEGIN (OPERA) AT BOLSHOI (ALSO BEING PERFORMED IN LENINGRAD; "UNUSUAL CONCERT" AT PUPPET THEATRE.

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5. INFORMAL BREAKFASTS WILL BE IN HOTEL MAIN DINING ROOM ON BUFFET/SPECIAL ORDER BASIS. LUNCHEONS AND SUPPERS WOULD BE ARRANGED FORMALLY WITH SEPARATE DINING HALLS. OF COURSE, RESERVATIONS MAY BE MADE AT OTHER RESTAURANTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING EVENING FUNCTIONS. FUNDING AUTHORIZATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS (THIS APPLIES AS WELL TO LENINGRAD AND KIEV).

6. CODEL SHOULD BE AWARE THAT EMBASSY HAS CHRONIC PROBLEMS IN MAINTAINING SUPPLIES OF US DOLLARS. WHILE EMBASSY HAS AMPLE SUPPLY OF RUBLES FOR USE BY CODEL, EXCHANGE TO DOLLARS BEFORE DEPARTURE WILL BE SEVERELY LIMITED. AS MOST SOUVENIRS, ETC. MUST BE PURCHASED IN US DOLLARS AT BERYOZKAS, DELEGATION SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE TO CONVERT ONLY MINIMAL AMOUNTS TO RUBLES. DIRECT DEPARTURE FROM KIEV WILL EXACERBATE PROBLEMS AS KIEV ADVANCE PARTY HOLDS ONLY A FEW HUNDRED DOLLARS IN GREEN. EMBASSY WILL AUGMENT THIS AMOUNT, BUT CODEL MUST BE AWARE OF POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS IN REFUNDING RUBLES FOR DOLLARS.

7. AS HAS BEEN PAST PRACTICE, WILL CODEL PRINCIPALS FOREGO PROVISION \$75/DAY IN LOCAL CURRENCY? TOON

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